

JAPANESE
VICTORY

Stormed Kayangshuhon Succesfully

CAUSED MUCH DAMAGE

Reported That Two Russian Generals Were Killed and One Was Wounded in The Encounter.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—The Japanese yesterday stormed the Heights of East Kayangshuhon. Prisoners who were captured report that the Russian Generals, Kondratenko and Ilma, were killed and General Jock injured.

THE JAPANESE ATTACK.

Baron Hayashi Sends Out a Report of the Mikado's Victory.

London, Dec. 24.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, in reporting on the capture of Kayangshuhon, also reported from Tokio, says that the Russians made the counter attack but were repulsed. The Japanese occupation is now nearly assured. They are one and one-half miles south of 203 Metro Hill. The Japanese bombardment, he says, caused a great conflagration to the north of the Fort Haiyangshuhon.

JAPANESE REFUSED.

Wouldn't Accept Port Arthur's Surrender Under Russian Condition.

Nagasaki, Dec. 24.—Reports from Dalny have it that the Russians at Port Arthur proposed that they surrender to Japanese under General Naga, on condition that the Russian garrison be allowed to return to Russia. The Japanese general refused to agree to any such plan.

MIKADO'S APPRECIATION.

Commends His Sailors for Their Gallantry at Port Arthur.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—The mikado today issued the following rescript of praise for the vessels of the Japanese fleet at Port Arthur: "We have great sailors in the torpedo boats at Port Arthur, who have gallantly and successfully accomplished the duties which they have been called upon to perform. They have braved dangers and storm of shells, day and night without the least confusion."

FLEET WITHDRAWN.

Japanese Ships Have Largely Left Port Arthur Blockade.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—Admiral Togo reports the withdrawal of a majority of the Japanese boats from Port Arthur. This is presumed to indicate that the vessels are going south to meet the Baltic fleet.

MEDIATION?

Czar Said To Be Not So Hostile To Profers of Intervention.

London, Dec. 24.—The Berlin correspondent of the Central News is assured by high authority that the czar no longer rejects the peaceful advice that are being tendered him. The czar has sent to Paris, it is said, through the French ambassador at St. Petersburg, an important letter, favorable in tone with certain reservations to the acceptance of mediation.

DODGE IN NEW YORK.

Brought Back to Face the Charge of Perjury in Divorce Suit.

New York, Dec. 24.—Charles F. Dodge, who was brought from Texas to answer to a charge of perjury in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce tangle, arrived here last night on the steamer Lampanas. He was taken at once to police headquarters.

Dodge is charged with having committed perjury in swearing that he had never been served with summons in the suit by which his wife, now Mrs. Charles W. Morse, obtained a divorce.

Charles F. Dodge, who was brought here from Texas, charged with perjury, was arraigned before Justice Cowing, this afternoon and released on his own recognizance after a brief hearing. Dodge is expected to make some startling revelations in connection with the divorce case of Charles W. Morse, so-called Joe King Morse, who married Dodge's divorced wife and it was in connection with declaring the divorce null and void that Dodge is said to have committed perjury.

TWELVE PERSONS KILLED.

Terrible Railroad Wreck Near Paris Last Night.

Paris, Dec. 24.—Twelve persons were killed and forty were injured in a wreck at Lille last night. The Lille express crashed into the express from Bologna and both trains were demolished. The dead include the celebrated chemist, Berthelot, and the son of the French Senator Cuviniot.

TWENTY STEAMERS DOCK.

Have Been Fog-Bound Off Liverpool For Many Hours.

Liverpool, Dec. 20.—Twenty steamers were docked this morning, after having been fog-bound from 48 to 60 hours.

CRIBBAGE LAST EVENING.

Red Men's Team Defeated the Clan Gordon Players.

The Red Men's cribbage team defeated the Clan Gordon team at five tables to three in the cribbage league contest last evening. The result by tables was as follows: Sangster and Cormack, R. M., defeated Smart and Pithie, C. G.; Sangster and Duncan, R. M., defeated Smith and Ironside, C. G.; Milton and Erick, R. M., defeated Smart and Scott, C. G.; Radbury and Duncan, R. M., defeated Booth and Milne, C. G.; Wishart and Marshall, R. M., defeated Keith and McLeod, C. G.

McLeod and Riddell, C. G., defeated Webster and Lind, R. M.; Shaw and Gordon, C. G., defeated Ross and Smith, R. M.; Inglis and McKay, C. G., defeated Laxon and Forbes, R. M. Playing will be resumed the second week in January. Look out for the new schedule.

The cribbage league standing:

	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
F. of A.	56	33	23	.589
C. G.	56	30	26	.536
C. O. F.	56	30	26	.536
R. M.	56	30	26	.536
M. U.	56	26	30	.448
L. O. O. F.	56	19	37	.375

BARRE TEAM WON.

Young Men's Club Defeated Co. F at Northfield in Basket Ball.

The Young Men's Club basket ball team won a fine game from the Comway F team in the Northfield armory last evening, the score being 14 to 5. There was a good attendance and the game was interesting from start to finish. Summers of the Barre team played the strongest game, although team work was what brought victory. Summers got four baskets from the floor, Rust one basket and two fouls and Sheriffs two fouls. For the Northfield team Kelly got one basket from the floor and Sheriffs two fouls. For the Northfield team Kelly got one basket from the floor and Sheriffs two fouls. The line-up last night was: Sheriffs, R. F., Hayes Summers, L. F., Westcott Rust, C. G., Kelly Will, R. C., Kirtledge Buchanan, L. G., Walker. Referee, Charles Gauthier and umpire, Howe.

YOUNG MEN'S CLUB.

Has Been Incorporated Under the Laws of State of Vermont.

Montpelier, Dec. 24.—Association papers were filed at the secretary of state's office for the Young Men's club of Barre. The object of the incorporation is to promote a higher moral standard and a closer mutual acquaintance among the young men of Barre. No capital stock is mentioned in the articles of association. The paper bears ten names, all of Barre.

McAULAY-SLAYTON.

Calais Young People Married in This City Today.

Elinor Slayton, daughter of Hersey Slayton of Calais, and D. M. McAulay, also of Calais, were married at noon today, at the Universalist parsonage, by the Rev. Asa M. Bradley. The ceremony was witnessed by a few friends of the contracting parties. The bride was becomingly attired in a brown traveling suit. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. McAulay left for Calais. The groom is an engineer.

NO PAPER MONDAY.

As Monday is to be observed as a legal holiday, no paper will be issued from this office. Tuesday's issue will contain reports of the Christmas observances.

The Evening Drawing School.

The drawing school closed last evening for the Christmas holidays and to allow the examination of the work. The committee of examination includes artists from Montpelier, East Barre and Barre city. The work of the school will be on exhibition at the rooms in the Averill block on the evenings of Dec. 28, 29 and 31, from 6 to 8 o'clock. The public is invited to inspect the work of the school. Diplomas and prizes will be given the best pupils Jan. 7 at Hale's pavilion.

State Forestry Meeting.

Montpelier, Dec. 23.—The annual meeting of the Forestry association of Vermont will be held here January 12, 1905. A business meeting will be held at 3 p. m. At the evening session an illustrated lecture will be given by Dr. R. E. Fernow of Ithaca, N. Y., subject, "The Evolution of a Forest Growth." There will also be an address by Prof. L. R. Jones of Burlington.

GOV. BELL TO LITTLETON.

Will Spend Christmas There With His Sister.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 24.—Gov. Bell has gone to Littleton, N. H., to spend Christmas with his sister, Miss Julia Bell. He was accompanied by his family. On Tuesday the governor will go to Bristol to be the guest of Senator Lawrence.

SEVERAL TIMES A MILLIONAIRE.

John Dunfee of Syracuse Died This Morning After Short Illness.

Syracuse, Dec. 24.—John Dunfee, the well known contractor and politician, died at St. Joseph's hospital here this morning. He had been ill only a few days. He was several times a millionaire.

SIOUX CITY
ENDANGERED

Fire Loss Last Night Reaches \$1,000,000.

OUTSIDE AID SUMMONED

Some of the Finest Stores in the City Burned, and Christmas Shoppers Had Difficulty in Getting Out.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 24.—This city was visited by a disastrous fire last night, the loss from which is estimated at \$1,000,000. The fire started at nine o'clock, and it was nearly four hours later before it was under control. Aid had to be summoned from Omaha and other cities as the Sioux City firemen were unable to stop the progress of the flames.

The fire started in the Pelletier department store, located in a six-story stone block at the corner of Fourth and Jackson street, occupied also by the First National bank. The entire building, together with its contents, was destroyed, but before the firemen could secure control of the flames they had spread to the Massachusetts block on the west, another large six-story building, ad west of the Toy block. Among these were the following, which were destroyed:

The Massachusetts building, occupied by seven large stores, including the Gillette hardware, the Pullman hotel, Johnson & Aronson, clothing and furnishings; Orkin Brothers, ladies' furnishings; Geo. Conway, wholesale tobacco and cigars, and the American Express company. Several families lived in the rear of the building, but so far as known all the occupants escaped.

The next building destroyed was the Commercial block, containing the City National bank, J. J. Prugh, queensware; Wardfield-Pratt Howell company, wholesale grocers; Peavey & Nash, furniture; Dow Clothing Company; Husted & Henth, shoes; Theodore Decker Tailoring company; Wilde Hardware company, and the Western Union Telegraph company.

The fire next spread to the buildings facing Fourth street, including the Northwestern National bank; Selzer Brothers, wholesale linens, and Magnus & Welsh, saloon. The wires of both the Postal and Western Union Telegraph companies were in the path of the flames, which, in addition to the Western Union office, destroyed nearly a block of cables connecting its system of wires with the main office. The Postal company's office was not in the burned district, but its wires were destroyed.

Other buildings burned include the Lander hotel, the West hotel, a large new structure; Hignan & Skinner, wholesale boots and shoes, and a large number of smaller establishments. The fire was gotten under control after three and a half hours' work.

Many Christmas shoppers crowded the Pelletier and other stores and it was with difficulty that all escaped from the burning building. The flames enveloped much of the building before the fire department arrived and were beyond control. For three hours and a half, until they had gotten beyond range of the large buildings, the flames swept everything in their path. Both telegraph companies were put out of business by reason of their wires being burned out.

ZANLEONI GETS LICENSE.

Commissioners Grant Second Class to be Exercised at 241 No. Main Street.

At a meeting of the board of license commissioners last evening a second class license was granted to Charles Zanleoni to be exercised in his block at the corner of North Main and Merchant streets. Mr. Zanleoni held until a few weeks ago a fourth class license, but the decision of the supreme court making it practically valueless to him it was surrendered. He immediately applied for a second class license, and he was followed by Teobaldo Rossi, who asked for a fourth class and Michael Keefe, who asked for a second class license. Hearings had been held on the first two applications, and the third was to come before the board next Wednesday. All three applications were for places on North Main street. Yesterday afternoon Michael Keefe, on whose application a hearing had not yet been had, withdrew his application, and last evening the board considered the other two and granted a license to Mr. Zanleoni, to run to May 1, 1905, for which he has to pay a full year's fee.

DISTRICT MEETING.

Masons Will Meet in Barre Washington's Birthday.

At the special communication of Granite Lodge, No. 53, F. and A. M., last evening, S. C. Colby, D. D. G. M. of the (the Massachusetts) district was present and stated that the annual district meeting would be held in Barre on Feb. 22nd. Granite Lodge will work the M. M. degree in the evening and one of the other lodges will work the E. A. degree in the afternoon. The official announcement has not been made yet but this will be the programme.

It is expected that the new Masonic hall in the new Blanchard block will be ready for occupancy at that time and that the meeting will be held there.

Charles S. Stevens was yesterday appointed postmaster at Stevens Mills, Vt.

CHRISTMAS
GOOD CHEER

Observance of the Day in Barre

PLANS OF THE CHURCHES

Unusual Arrangements Being Made at All of Them — Monday Will Be Observed as a Holiday, With Suspension of Work.

As Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, the day following, Monday, will be generally observed as a holiday in this city. There will be practically no work in any line of industry here. The stone-sheds will not be in operation that day and some of the plants will be idle for a longer period. Most of the stores of the city will be closed beginning at noon and will not open until the morning following, Tuesday. The banks will shut their doors as customary on holidays. The post office will observe holiday hours, closing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and opening again at six o'clock. In the business offices there will be little done either.

Christmas at the Churches.

For tomorrow, Christmas Day, the churches of the city are making unusual preparations for the proper observance of the day. At all of them the ministers will deliver sermons appropriate for the glad occasion, and the music will be more than usually fine. It is likely that the church edifices will hold larger audiences than at any other time, as the combination of Christmas Day and Sunday will serve to draw out very many people.

Church of the Good Shepherd.

At the Church of the Good Shepherd the services will be of more than ordinary significance as it is the last Sunday of the ministry of the Rev. Brian C. Roberts, who goes next Wednesday to Dorchester, Mass., to become rector of an Episcopal church there. The morning service will be at 10:30 o'clock, with morning prayer and celebration of the Holy Communion. The evening service will be at seven o'clock when the Christmas tree and carols by the children will be features of that service. The boy choir, under the direction of Mrs. A. W. Allen, will sing. The programme for the morning is as follows:

Processional.
Adeste Fidelis.
Venite, in E flat, Barnby.
Te Deum, Van Bokker.
Benedictus, Gregorian.
Introit, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."
Agnus Dei, old chant.
Hymn, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem."
Address.
Gloria, in E-flat, old chant.
Recessional, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."
The evening service will be as follows: Processional, "Ring Out the Bells for Christmas."
Gloria in E-flat.
Carol, "Carol, Brothers, Carol."
Carol, "Carol We High, We Low."
Carol, "Child Jesus Lay on Mary's Knee."
Address.
Carol, "Hark, Sweet Angel Voices."
Distribution of gifts.
Carol, "We Three Kings of Orient."
Recessional, "While Shepherds Watch Their Flock."

St. Monica's Church.

At St. Monica's church, the Rev. P. McKenna, pastor, and Rev. Gray, assistant pastor, there will be high mass at midnight tonight. Tomorrow there will be children's mass at 9 o'clock, followed by high mass at 10:30. From three to four o'clock in the afternoon there will be a Christmas tree for children. The musical programme under the direction of W. H. Gale, the organist, will be as follows:

Kyrie, Formes mass in B flat, Formes.
Gloria, Werneis in C, Werner.
Credo.
Solo for offertory, "Senior Blessed Redeemer," Dana.
Miss Rose Cook.
Sanctus, Werneis mass in C, Werner.
Benedictus, Shmidt.
Agnus Dei, solo, Dana.
Mrs. A. C. Moore.
Dona Nobis, Gaines mass in D, Dona.
Hymn, Adeste Fidelis.
Organ Postlude, Wagner.
The same programme will be given at midnight mass.

Hedding M. E. Church.

At the Hedding Methodist church the order for Sunday will be as follows: Morning Worship, 10:30.
Voluntary, "Andante," Gounod.
Anthem, "Let Us Go Into the House of the Lord," Mark Andrews.
Sermon by pastor: "Immanuel, the Keeper of Humanity."
Anthem, "Emanuel, Emanuel," Spinney.
Bible School, 12.
Sunday evening, Christmas concert, conducted by children.

In music there will be Offertory in D minor, Batiste, and two anthems by the choir.
"Crucified and Lowly," A. F. M. Constance, and
"Glory to God in the Highest," A. Benly.

Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. T. H. Mitchell will preach at the Presbyterian church tomorrow. In the morning the sermon will be to the

GOV. BELL APPOINTS
NEW COMMISSION
TO INVESTIGATE.

Sunday school. The special music at the morning service will be:
Anthem, "Shine, O Earth, from Silence Weeping," by Schnecker.
Solo, "Glorious Morn," by Neidlinger.
Miss Phillips.
At the evening service the music will be as follows:
Anthem, "We Have Seen His Star in the East."
Solo, Mr. Pope.
Trio, "Sing, Sweet Stars."
Misses McDonald, Brown and Phillips.
The Presbyterian Sabbath school entertainment will be at seven o'clock this evening. All friends of the school are cordially invited.

Congregational Church.

The Congregational church will observe Christmas Sunday with special music at the morning service, and a Christmas sermon by the pastor, the Rev. F. A. Poole. In the evening there will be a Christmas concert by the Sunday school. The special music in the morning will be:

Prelude, "Hark, Hark, by Dubois, Austin.
Anthem, "Avalon," Putnam, Thy Strength, O Jerusalem," Schnecker.
Choir.
"Bethlehem," Coombs, by the choir.
Postlude, by Achnall, Austin.
On Monday evening at 8 o'clock there will be a Christmas tree for young and old. Also a stereopticon entertainment. Parents and others are requested to send in presents for the tree.
"Angels from the Realms of Glory," Neidlinger.

Baptist Church.

The Rev. W. A. Kinsie, pastor of the First Baptist church, will preach tomorrow morning on "How Much of My Income Ought I to Give to the Lord's work?" There will be special music. In the evening the Sunday school will give a concert, to which a cordial invitation is extended to all, as well as the other services.

At the morning service, the following selections will be given: "Alleluia Forth," by W. Buck and "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

The Christmas tree exercises will be held this evening at 7 o'clock. There will be exercises by the children, music by both the pupils and the church choir. There will be special music at the Sunday evening concert.

Universalist Church.

Much preparation has been made for the services at the Universalist church. There will be morning worship and communion at 10:30, followed by Bible school. In the evening the Sunday school will give a Christmas concert.

The following musical programme will be rendered at the morning service:
Trio, violin, cornet and organ, Titi's Serenade.
Anthem, by the choir, "There Were Shepherds," Lansing.
"Night Song of Bethlehem," Dudley Buck, by the choir.
Responses after prayer, violin solo, "Contemplation," by Mendelssohn.
Anthem by the choir, "Good Tidings," J. C. Bartlett.

Offertory, violin solo, selected.
Postlude, "Gloria," from Farmer's mass, arranged by Gruenwald.
The choir will be assisted by Mr. Gould, violinist, Dr. Leonard, Cornetist, H. D. Hopkins of Montpelier, bass, and Miss Grace Brown, soprano.

The members of the Universalist Sunday school, together with their friends, will gather around the Christmas tree in the church vestry Monday evening at seven o'clock. Presents should be brought to the vestry as early as possible Monday afternoon; a committee will be there to receive them.

Christmas Sunday at East Barre. At East Barre Christmas services will be held. The Rev. A. J. Eastman will take for his morning topic, "The Side We Do Not See." Sunday school after this service. There will be special music and other exercises suited to the occasion, by the young people; also a brief address by the pastor. No other evening service.

Swedish Church.

The Swedish church will have a Christmas sermon at their place of worship in Worthen's block at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning. At 5:30 there will be a Christmas festival with Christmas tree in the same hall. All Swedish people are welcome.

BRIGHT AND SMART AT 89.

Miss Adeline Wheeler, One of Barre's Old Residents, has a Birthday.

Born in Barre and always making her home here, Miss Adeline Wheeler, 89 years of age today, is smart and well-indeed in much better health than most persons who count ten or a score less years than she. This woman, one of the oldest residents of the city, is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Sawyer on Franklin street, where she has resided for the past two years, and where she would be pleased to greet any of her friends.
Miss Wheeler's only relative hereabouts is a cousin, Mrs. Foster of Montpelier, widow of the late Joel Foster.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

Trow & Holden Give Employees Turkey Each—Presents for Both Holdens.

The employees of Trow & Holden this forenoon gave Clark Holden a handsome gold-mounted ebony cane. Mr. Holden was greatly surprised but expressed his appreciation of the gift. In W. M. Holden's room the employees gave him a diamond stud.

Just before the noon hour all the employees were called into the office and each married man receive a 12-pound turkey. All the single men received a present the equivalent of a turkey.

N. G. Williams of Bellows Falls, H. F. Brigham of Bakersfield and C. H. A. Stafford of Morristown to Examine State Institutions.

WILL REPORT FINDINGS
TO THE GOVERNOR

This Commission Was Authorized by Act of Recent Legislature and Its Report Will be Supplemental to Legislative Committee's Report.

Walden, Dec. 24.—Governor Charles J. Bell today appointed a commission of three men to continue the investigation of state institutions, which was begun by the legislative committee and partially completed. This investigation is made on account of the rumors of alleged graft and mismanagement which have been made for several years. The commission is composed of the following: N. G. Williams of Bellows Falls, Herbert F. Brigham of Bakersfield, Charles H. A. Stafford of Morristown. They will meet the Governor and Attorney General Charles C. Fitts of Brattleboro at Montpelier next Tuesday to map out a plan of work.

This commission is composed of two Republicans and one Democrat, the latter being H. F. Brigham of Bakersfield. All are prominent citizens of Vermont. Mr. Williams is judge advocate general of the state and is president and manager of the Vermont Farm Machine company at Bellows Falls. Mr. Brigham is one of the leading Democrats of the state and has been influential in the councils of that party. Mr. Stafford is one of the solid business men of Morristown. He represented his town in the legislature two years ago and was one of the best workers in the House of Representatives.

The particular work of the commission will be the investigation of the state insane asylum at Waterbury, although it is probable that the other institutions, the house of correction, the state prison and the state industrial school, will be examined also, the investigation of these being supplementary to that made by the legislative committee. This additional investigation was authorized by the legislature just prior to its adjournment, the governor being empowered to select three men who shall report to the chief executive. The latter, according to the law passed, shall have the right to give out for publication whatever of the report he sees fit to announce.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Hazel Gravelin, Daughter of John Gravelin, of Fortney Street.

Hazel, the six years old daughter of John Gravelin, died very suddenly at her home, 76 Fortney street, this morning.

She was taken with violent vomiting Thursday, caused from eating Christmas candy at one of the neighbor's houses. She continued to be ill all that night and yesterday Dr. M. D. Lamb was called. He thought that the child had been slightly poisoned by the candy. He relieved her suffering and last night she appeared better.

She was taken suddenly worse, however, shortly before eleven o'clock this forenoon. Her father, who works in Trow & Holden's machine shop, was hastily called as was also Dr. Lamb, but the little girl died before either arrived at the house. Dr. Lamb said that the immediate cause of death was probably the bursting of a blood vessel on account of the strain.

The funeral will be held Monday at 10 a. m. at 76 Fortney street, at Frank Morgan's.

MAIL CARRIERS BUSY.

Usual Holiday Grist of Presents Been Pouring in for a Week.

At the post office for the past week the force has been very busy with the holiday mail, and today the rush reached its height. This fact with the usual lateness of the trains has hindered the carriers greatly, so that the delivery of mail about the city has been far behind the schedule hours. The carriers have been loaded down on every trip with bundles of Christmas presents, large and small.

Notice to Clansmen.

There will be a special meeting of Clan Gordon, No. 12, O. S. C., in their hall, Gordon block, Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock for the purpose of attending the funeral of our deceased brother, William T. Gillespie. Clansmen will wear white gloves and regalia. Per order James McDonald, Chief. Jas. Mutch, Sec.